



## Elphinstone Secondary School PAC Meeting Monday, January 20, 2020

1. Welcome and Introductions / Call to Order: 6:00pm

**In Attendance:** Dirk Larsen (Vice President), Heike Horn (Treasurer), Miyuki Shinkai (Secretary), Udo Rosenberg (DPAC Rep), Debbie Small (Director), Marilyn Baines (Healthy Schools Rep), Drew Murphy (Vice Principal), Pammila Ruth (Trustee Rep)

**Regrets:** Pauline Attle-Billey (President), Ian Thomson (Director), Jana Pazga (G8 Rep).

2. Approval of Minutes from last PAC meeting: Seconded by Marilyn and approved by all.
3. Agenda for tonight's meeting: Marilyn and Miyuki made two additional items to New Business. Approved by all.

4. **Reports**

- a. Principal's Report by Drew Murphy**

- Jan 22- North VS South hockey game at 6pm @ Gibsons arena
- Jan 23 – Culinary Completion Ceremony
- Jan 24 – Turn Around Day – no Students
- Jan 29 - Shelly Moore – After School
- Jan 31 – Report Cards due to office – 9am
- Feb 1 – Staff TLC day at Gibsons Public Market
- Feb 4 – Jellyfish project presentation – whole school
- Feb 8 – Grade 8's Science Fair
- Feb 13 – Winter Formal
- Feb 14 – Pro D day
- Feb 17 – Family Day

- b. Treasurer's Report by Heike Horn**

- Gaming Account Balance: \$4,472.91
- Saving Account Balance: \$ 867.92

- c. Correspondence**

- Bursary recipients sent us 'Thank you' letter.
- Garden Club sent us 'Thank you' card.

- d. DPAC Report by Udo Rosenberg**

- Last DPAC meeting was held at the Chatelech Secondary at 7pm on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Agenda highlight was 'Digital Literacy' by Ms.Sandy Magnussen.

- Next DPAC meeting is on Thursday, January 23 at 7pm in the ESS library. Keynote Speaker is Ms. Kate Kerr, Director of Instruction for Student Support Services, speaking about Mental and Physical Health. Everyone is welcome.
- More information about DPAC: <http://www.sd46.bc.ca/index.php/dpac>
- Miyuki added that District hosted presentation, 'Youth & Vaping information, Considerations & Impacts' with Dr. Milan Khara from Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) Addiction Services on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Chateleux Secondary School Theatre was well attended and informative for parents to learn that Vaping has caused increasing numbers of addiction and impacted severe health risk among youth. She will propose DPAC to put a letter together in writing to submit BCCPAC, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Education to advocate for children and youth from negative health effect from vaping trend.
- Miyuki asked Elphi PAC to get involved in hosting function with Indigenous Engagement Workshop 'Blanket Exercise' for parents in spring, 2020. Through DPAC venue, she is currently working with Ms. Kerry Mahlman about setting a few free workshops for parents on a coast.

#### **e. Trustee's Report by Pammila Ruth**

- Survey for the needs of secondary school's school supply in 2020/2021 was conducted for a short period of time last week. The District's Operations Committee is meeting next week to conclude decision based on public opinion.
- Risk of Vaping and harm reduction.
- Pammila shared the experience of her 'Blanket Exercise' held at the BCSTA conference. She highly recommended members about benefit of holding this experiential workshop in our parents group.

### **5. Old Business**

**a. Reviewing Constitution and Bylaw from April, 2016** – The copy of the current document was circulated and a brief discussion was made. The motion will be made when Pauline returns to the table in next month.

**b. Grade 7 transition** – Drew said no funding request from counsellors are made, yet.

**c. Bursary 2020** – Miyuki moved that ESS PAC is funding \$500 for four Grade 12 to receive bursary in June, 2020. PAC had a discussion on higher amount could be amended in next meeting. Minimum of \$2,000 in total four bursaries was approved.

#### **d. Marilyn Baine, Parent Representative to the Healthy Schools Committee:**

- Looking for young people from all secondary schools to get involved with Mental Health leadership on the coast.

- Sunshine Coast Children and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Local Action Team has submitted an application to 'Foundry'. As part of the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions' "[A Pathway to Hope](#)," Foundry is looking to partner with communities across BC to open and operate a minimum of six new Foundry centers. On October 21, Foundry issued a call for expressions of interest (EOI) from communities across BC. Non-profit organizations and health and social system

agencies serving youth, (including First Nations, Métis, and Urban Indigenous organizations) were eligible to submit an EOI until November 26, 2019. As the result, currently, our Local Action Team's proposal made it to the second stage of selection. This is very exciting news to our committed members and partnerships. <https://foundrybc.ca/growing-foundry-network/>

**e. Request from District's Family Engagement Committee** – DPAC Chair, Jo Thomson sent a request to ESS PAC about if Grade 7 parents from various school's PAC could come to our monthly meeting to begin to familiarize themselves in secondary school cultures and learn about parents support network. ESS PAC approved to have Grade 7 parents in our last meeting this year, Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Miyuki is corresponding to Jo about our decision.

## **6. New Business**

- Miyuki confirmed that 'Impact of Technology on Adolescent Development, Behaviour, and Learning' by a special guest speaker, Cris Rowan, BScOT, BScBi, SIPT, CEO Sunshine Coast Occupational Therapy Inc. and Zone'in Programs Inc. is scheduled on February 10<sup>th</sup> from 6- 7pm and sent invitations to all PACs and DPAC. She suggested that the regular PAC meeting from 7-7:30pm. Treats and snacks in \$50 budget order were placed with Cougars Café. PAC supported this idea. Approved by all.

## **7. Any Items for Next Month's Agenda**

- Bursary 2020
- Grade 7 Transitions
- Reviewing and updating 'Constitution and Bylaw' from 2016.

PAC Meeting Adjourned: 7:10pm

**Next Meeting: February 10th, Monday 6pm at ESS Library.  
Everyone is welcome!**

- ✓ Please LIKE Elphinstone Senior Secondary PAC on Facebook!
- ✓ PAC Fundraiser continues –IGA Gifts Cards are available at school office for ESS families.
- ✓ Contact PAC Executive via email: [elhipac@gmail.com](mailto:elhipac@gmail.com) and/or come to a PAC meeting. We would like to see you there!